Book stalls of Sarav Sewa Sangh Prakashan at Railway Stations

1525. SHRI N. RAJANGAM : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of stations where Sarav Sewa Sangh Prakashan book stalls are functioning at present;

(b) what are the details of stations where new book stalls have been allotted during the last three years; and

(c) what is the royalty recovered at each station from Sarav Sewa Sangh Prakashan, Varanasi during the last three years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Allotment of book stalls at Railway stations

1526. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state·

(a) whether it is a fact that North Frontier Railway had invited applications for allotment of book stalls at newly constructed platform at Katihar and that a number of societies, firms of educated unemployed had applied and were interviewed for the same; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken in this regard and what are the names of candidates who have been allotted this contract?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No decision has yet been taken.

Banking facility for passengers at railway stations

1527. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of railway stations where the banking facilities have been provided for the passengers;

(b) what are the reasons for not providing similar banking facilities at Delhi and New Delhi stations?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD) : (a) and (b) There is no system of providing banking facilities for passengers on any of the Railways Stations. However, in the premises of certain stations there are branches of nationalised banks intended mainly for Railway transactions. Details of such stations are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Sino-India· border trade

1528. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken steps to enter into trade relations with China;

(b) if so, what are the details thereot;

(c) whether Government propose to take steps to open the border trade with China in view of the improved relationship between the two countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) A trade agreement was signed between India and China in August, 1984. Trade Protocols have been entered into between the two Governments in